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AND 37 C.F.R. 1.704(d)**

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The three (3) references cited in the Singapore Official Action were already filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the IDS filed July 25, 2001. Therefore, the cited references are not submitted herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08B and of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed July 25, 2001 to confirm that the documents listed therein have all been considered and made of record.

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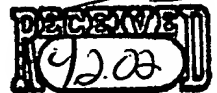
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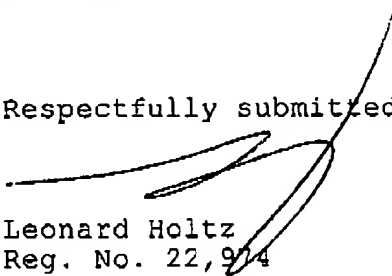
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## Invitation To Respond To A Written Opinion

Application No:	200104489-0
Applicant:	Olympus Optical Co. Ltd.
Request Filed On:	22/8/01

Attached is a copy of written opinion drawn up by the Examiner in connection with the request made for.

- ☐ Search and Examination Report; or
- ☒ Examination Report

You are invited to respond to this opinion by submitting:

- (a) written arguments disagreeing with the Examiner's opinion, and/or
- (b) an amendment of the specification of the application.

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## Part II

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